



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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January 26, 2005

Gary Ruffner, Treasurer
Utility Workers Union of America
Political Contributions Committee
815 16th St. NW, Room 605
Washington, DC 20006

Response Due Date:
February 23, 2005

Identification Number: C00040741

Reference: Year End Report (11/23/04-12/31/04)

Dear Mr. Ruffner:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the election designation, and an adequate purpose of the expenditure. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

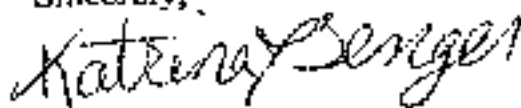
-Your committee filed a 24 hour notice informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "Fingerhut Powers & Smith" as the payee. However, the date of public dissemination disclosed on the notice does not appear to correlate with the entries on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed 24/48 hour notices supporting independent expenditures not reflected on your reports, you must file

Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period to disclose these payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide further information concerning these notices.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations, and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1137.

Sincerely,



Katrina Senger
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

